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| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE   |   | DATE: <b>September 21, 2004</b>                 |
| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE<br/>(DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>  |   | U.S. APPL. NO. (if known):<br><b>10/507378</b>  |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.:<br><b>PCT/JP02/09625</b>  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE:<br><b>September 19, 2002</b> | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED:<br><b>March 22, 2002</b> |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>IMAGE DATA COMPRESSION APPARATUS, IMAGE DATA COMPRESSION METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND PROGRAM</b>  |   |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Tadahiro OHMI, Yukihiro YOKOYAMA, Masahiro KONDA and Takahiro NAKAYAMA</b>   |   |   |
| Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |   |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> |   |   |
| <b>ITEMS 11. TO 16. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:</b>   |   |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 together with PTO-1449, 9 references and International Search Report.</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. ASSIGNEE(s) NAME(s) AND ADDRESS: <u>TADAHIRO OHMI, Sendai-shi, Japan</u> and <u>SIPEC CORPORATION, Tokyo, Japan</u><br/> <b>Please publish the assignee data with the application.</b></li> <li>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li> <li>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u>13 Sheets of Drawings.</u></li> </ol>   |   |   |

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| <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$981.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. (\$460.00 for basic fee, \$180.00 for extra claims, \$301.00 for extra independent claims and \$40.00 for assignment.) (This paper is filed in triplicate)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 01-2340 in the amount of \$<u>    </u> to cover the above fees. (A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.)</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.</p> <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed to request that the application be restored to pending status.</p> |   |   |
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